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In re application of:  
Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D.

Serial No: 09/626,636

Filed: July 27, 2000

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF INSERTING  
SPINAL IMPLANTS

Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: U. Ho

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2001 in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	71	-	65**	6	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	\$ 108.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	2	-	3***	0	LG=\$80 SM=\$40	\$80	\$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$270 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$135		\$ 0
TOTAL							\$ 108.00

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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- ☒ A fee in the amount of \$108.00 to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.
- ☒ A fee in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the three-month extension of time fee is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,028.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1068. **A copy of this sheet is enclosed.**
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
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Respectfully submitted,  
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